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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to certain substituted phenyl oxazolidinones of formula I and II and to processes for the synthesis of the same. This invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions containing the compounds of the.present invention as antimicrobials. The compounds are useful antimicrobial agents, effective against a number of human and veterinary pathogens, including gram-positive aerobic bacteria such as multiply-resistant staphylococci, streptococci and enterococci as well as anaerobic organisms as Bacterioides spp. and Clostridia spp. species, and acid fast organisms such as Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Mycobacterium avium and Mycobacterium spp.

OXAZOLIDINONE DERIVATIVES AS ANTIMICROBIALS

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to certain substituted phenyl oxazolidinones and to processes for the synthesis of the same. This invention also relates to pharmaceutical compositions containing the compounds of the present invention as antimicrobials. The compounds are useful antimicrobial agents, effective against a number of human and veterinary pathogens, including gram-positive aerobic bacteria such as multiply-resistant staphylococci, streptococci and enterococci as well as anaerobic organisms such as Bacterioides spp. and Clostridia spp. species, and acid fast organisms such as Mycobacterium tuberculosis, Mycobacterium avium and Mycobacterium spp.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Increasing antibacterial resistance in Gram positive bacteria has presented a formidable treatment problem. The enterococci, although traditionally non virulent pathogens, have been shown, when associated with Vancomycin resistance, to have an attributable mortality of approximately 40%. Staphylococcus aureus, the traditional pathogen of post operative wounds, has been resistant to Penicillin due to production of penicillinases. This resistance was overcome by the development of various penicillinase stable β lactams. But the pathogen responded by synthesizing a modified target penicillin binding protein- 2' leading to less affinity for β lactam antibiotics and a phenotype known as Methicillin Resistant S. aureus (MRSA). These strains, till recently were susceptible to Vancomycin, which inspite of its various drawbacks, has become the drug of choice for MRSA infections. Streptococcus pneumoniae is a major pathogen causing pneumonia, sinusitis and meningitis. Until very recently it was highly susceptible to penicillin. Recently though, different PBP 2' strains with different susceptibility to penicillin have been reported from across the globe.

Oxazolidinones are a new class of synthetic antimicrobial agents which kill gram positive pathogens by inhibiting a very early stage of protein synthesis. Oxazolidinones inhibit the formation of ribosomal initiation complex involving 30S and 50S ribosomes leading to prevention of initiation complex formation. Due to their novel mechanism of

action, these compounds are active against pathogens resistant to other clinically useful antibiotics.

WO 02/06278 application discloses phenyloxazolidinone derivatives as antimicrobials.

WO 93/23384 application discloses phenyloxazolidinones containing a substituted diazine moiety and their uses as antimicrobials.

WO 93/09103 application discloses substituted aryl and heteroaryl- phenyl-oxazolidinones useful as antibacterial agents.

WO 90/02744 application discloses 5-indolinyl-5β-amidomethyloxazolidinones, 3-(fused ring substituted) phenyl-5β-amidomethyloxazolidinones which are useful as antibacterial agents.

European Patent Publication 352,781 discloses phenyl and pyridyl substituted phenyl oxazolidinones.

European Patent Application 312,000 discloses phenylmethyl and pyridinylmethyl substituted phenyl oxazolidinones.

U.S. Patent No. 5,254,577 discloses nitrogen heteroaromatic rings attached to phenyloxazolidinone.

U.S. Patents No. 5,547,950 and 5,700,799 also disclose the phenyl piperazinyl oxazolidinones.

Chem. Pharm. Bull. 49(4) 347-352 (2001) describes conversion of 5-substituent oxazolidinone.

Chem. Pharm. Bull. 49(4) 353-360 (2001) describes 5-thiocarbonyl oxazolidinones.

Chem. Pharm. Bull. 49(4) 361-367 (2001) describes conversion of 5-thiocarbamate oxazolidinones.

WO 00/21960 describes heterocyclyl amino methyloxazolidinones as antibacterials.

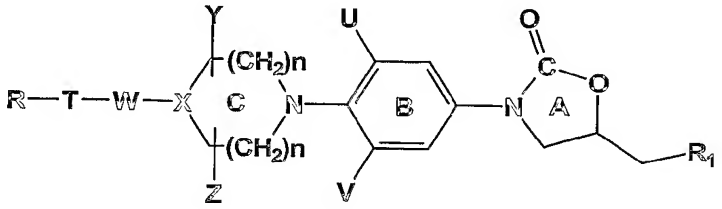
Other references disclosing various phenyloxazolidinones include U.S. Patents No. 4,801,600 and 4,921,869; Gregory W.A., *et al., J.Med.Chem.*, 1989; 32: 1673-81; Gregory W.A., *et al., J.Med.Chem.*, 1990; 33: 2569-78; Wang C., *et al., Tetrahedron*, 1989; 45: 1323-26; Brittelli, *et al., J.Med. Chem.*, 1992; 35: 1156; Gordeev, *Current Opinion in Drug Discovery & Development,* 2001; Vol 4, No 4: 450-461; and *Bio-organic and Medicinal Chemistry Letters*, 1999; 9: 2679-2684; Antibacterial & Antifungal Drug Discovery & Development Summit, Strategic Research Institute, June 28-29, 2001, Amsterdam, The Netherlands; Posters No. 1822, 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826, 1827, 1828, 1829, 1830, 1831, 1832, 1833, and 1834, 40th Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, Sept 17-20, 2000, Toronto, Canada; and Posters No 1023, 1040, 1041, 1042, 1043, 1044,1045, 1046, 1047, 1048, 1049, 1050, and 1051, 41st Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, Sept 22-25, 2001, Chicago, USA.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The invention involves the synthesis; identification and profiling of oxazolidinone molecules which have good activity against multiply resistant gram positive pathogens like MRSA, VRE and PRSP. Some of these molecules have activity against MDR-TB and MAI strains, while others have significant activity against important anaerobic bacteria.

The invention provides processes for the syntheses of phenyloxazolidinones derivatives which can exhibit significantly greater antibacterial activity against multiply resistant gram positive pathogens like MRSA, VRE and PRSP against MDR-TB and MAI strains, in order to provide safe and effective treatment of bacterial infections.

In accordance with one aspect of the invention, there are provided compounds having the structure of Formula I



Formula I

and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

T is a five to seven membered heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, aryl or substituted aryl, bound to the ring **C** with a linker W, for example preferred forms of **T** are aryl and five membered heteroaryl which are further substituted by a group represented by **R**, wherein R is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, amines, substituted amines, alkene substituted with aryl, heteroaryl or halogen; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl or C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy;

R_8 and R_9 are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, or $N(R_6,R_7)$;

R_{10}= H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

Y and Z are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging groups;

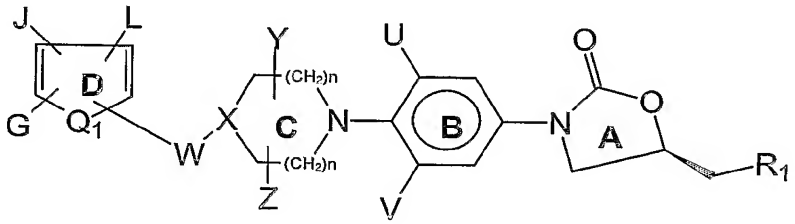
U and V are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

W is CH_2, CO, CH_2NH, $-NHCH_2$, $-CH_2NHCH_2$, $-CH_2-N(R_{11})CH_2-$, $CH_2(R_{11})N-$, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(CO)$, NH, O, NR_{11}, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$, SO_2 or SO, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl; and

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaryl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy.

Particular compounds of Formula I have R_1 as ether linked isoxazole, amino-isoxazole, aminofuran, aminothiophene, or (un)substituted cinnamoyl and the most preferred compounds in this series would be prepared as the optically pure enantiomers having the (S)-configuration according to the Cahn-Ingold-Prelog notation at C_5 of the oxazolidinone ring.

In accordance with a second aspect of the invention, there are provided compounds of the Formula I containing D ring as furanyl, thienyl, and pyrrolyl ring systems and further substituted by substitutions G, J and L and are represented by Formula II



Formula II

and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaroyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy;

U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

W is CH_2, C=O, CH_2NH, $NHCH_2$, CH_2NHCH_2, $CH_2N(R_{11})CH_2$, $CH_2N(R_{11})$, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(C=O)$, NH, O, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, SO_2, SO, NR_{11}, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$; wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

Q_1 is O, S or NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is as defined above;

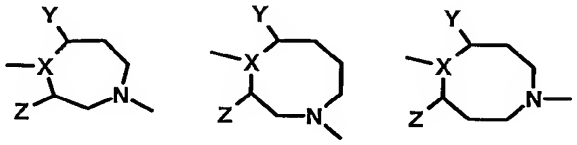
G, J, L are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is as defined above; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl or heteroaryl; C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy;

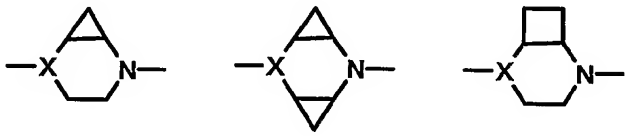
R_8 and R_9 are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, $N(R_6,R_7)$; and

R_{10}= H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl.

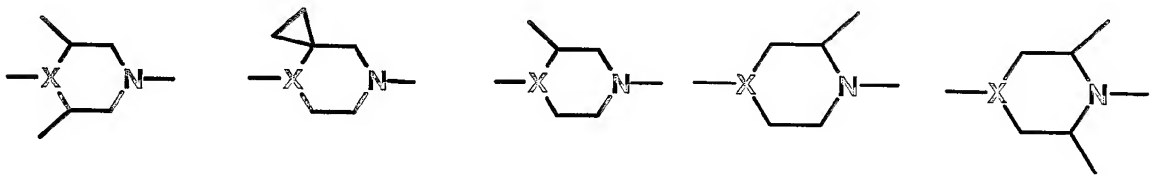
In some compounds represented by Formula II, ring C may be 6-8 membered in size and the ring may have either two or three carbon atoms between each nitrogen atom, for example:



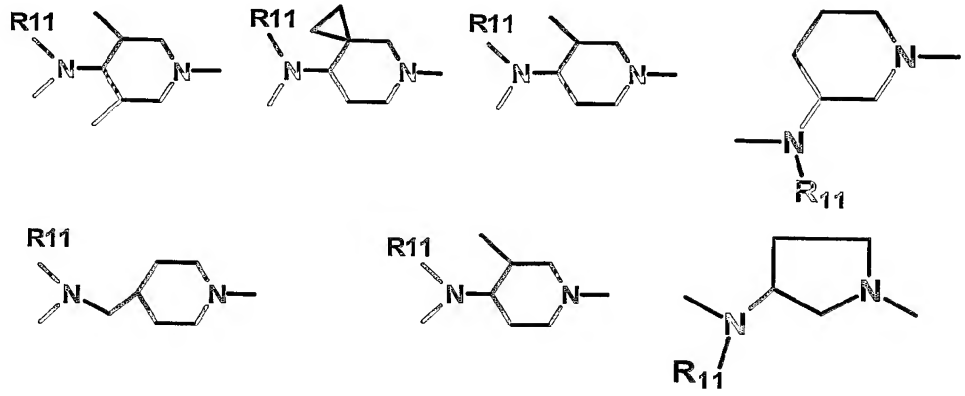
The ring C may be bridged to form a bicyclic system as shown below:



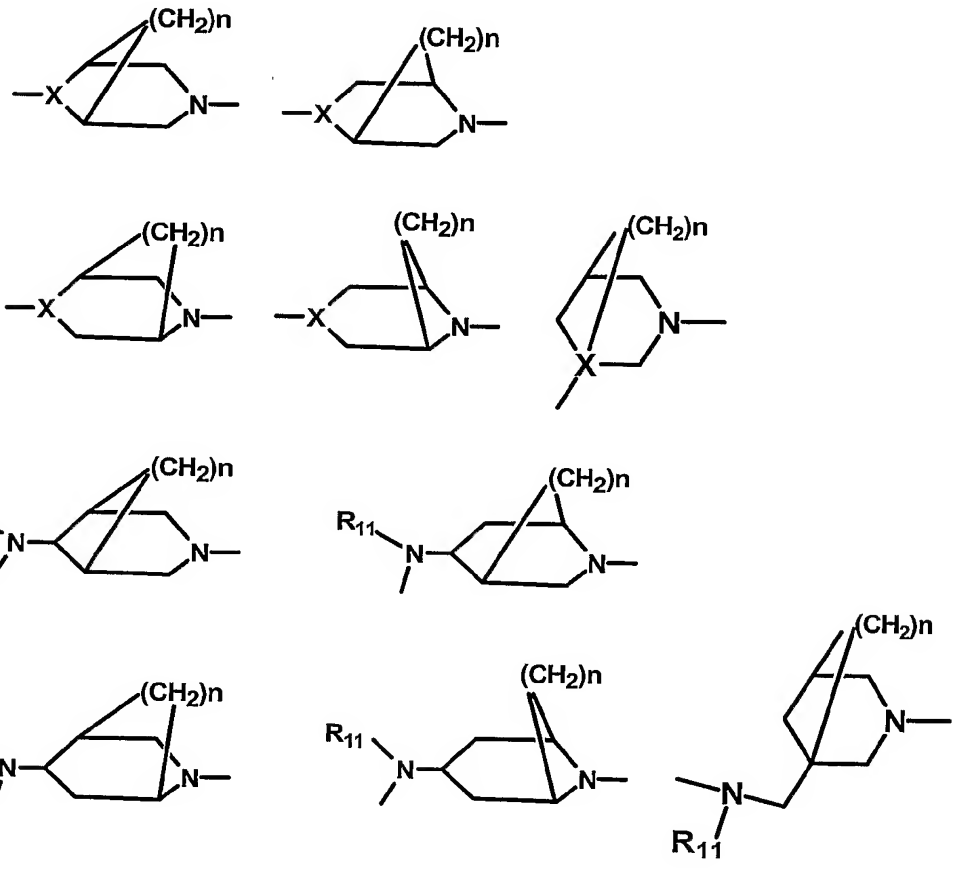
When ring C is optionally substituted at positions Y and Z with alkyl groups, cycloalkyl groups, fluoro group, carboxylic and corresponding esters, amides, substituted alkyls or bridging alkyl groups are as shown below:



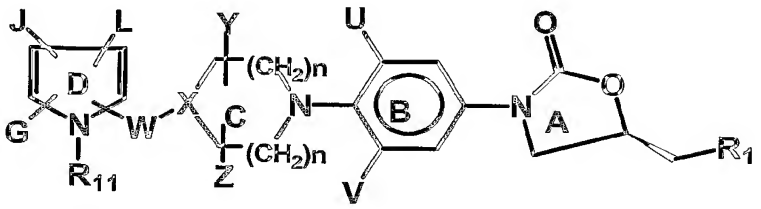
When ring C is 6 membered in size and X is -CH-(NR_{11}), or >CCH_2NR_{11}-, the following rings are preferred ones wherein R_{11} is as defined earlier.



In addition to the above, ring C also includes the following structures:



In accordance with a third aspect of the invention, there are provided compounds represented by Formula III



Formula III

and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl, heteroaryl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy;

U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

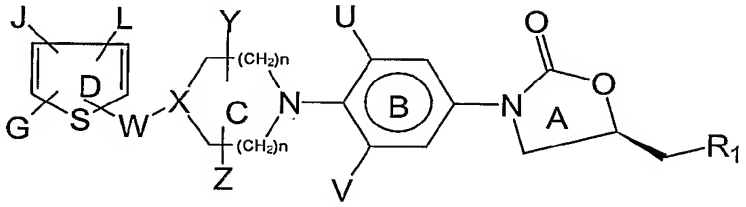
X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

W is independently CH_2, CO, CH_2NH, $-NHCH_2$, $-CH_2NHCH_2$, $-CH_2$-N $(R_{11})CH_2$-, $CH_2(R_{11})N$-, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(CO)$, NH, O, NR_{11}, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$, SO_2 or SO, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

G, J, L are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is as defined above and R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH, aryl or heteroaryl; R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy; R_8 and R_9 are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, $N(R_6,R_7)$; and R_{10}= H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl.

In accordance with a fourth aspect of the invention, there are provided compounds represented by Formula IV



Formula IV

and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl, heteroaroyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy;

U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more F, Cl, Br, I;

Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

W is independently CH_2, CO, CH_2NH, $-NHCH_2$, $-CH_2NHCH_2$, $-CH_2-N(R_{11})CH_2-$, $CH_2(R_{11})N-$, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(CO)$, NH, O, NR_{11}, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$, SO_2 or SO, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

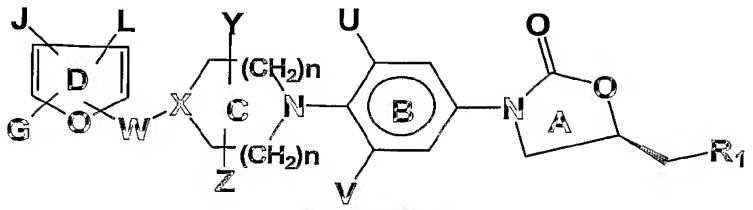
G, J, L are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6, R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9)$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, $-CH = N-OR_{10}$, $-C=CH-R_5$, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is as defined above; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH, aryl or heteroaryl; R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy; R_8 and R_9 are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, $N(R_6,R_7)$; R_{10}= H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl.

A particular compound of Formula IV is as follows:

Compound No. 12:

(S)-N-[1-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]]-thiourea

In accordance with a fifth aspect of the invention, there are provided compounds represented by Formula V



Formula V

and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl, heteroaroyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy; preferably R_2, R_3, R_4 are (un)substituted cinnamoyl and isoxazolyl ring;

U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}; wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

W is independently CH_2, CO, CH_2NH, $-NHCH_2$, $-CH_2NHCH_2$, $-CH_2-N(R_{11})\ CH_2-$, $CH_2(R_{11})N-$, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(CO)$, NH, O, NR_{11}, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$, SO_2, SO, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

G, J, L are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6, R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9)$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4; wherein R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH, aryl or heteroaryl; R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy; R_8 and R_9 are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, $N(R_6,R_7)$; and R_{10}= H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl.

A particular compound of Formula V is as follows:

Compound No. 10

(S)-N-[1-[[3-[3-fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]]-thiourea

Compounds of the present invention can be useful antimicrobial agents, effective against a number of human and veterinary pathogens, particularly aerobic and Gram-positive bacteria, including multiply-antibiotic resistant staphylococci and streptococci, as well as anaerobic organisms such as Mycobacterium tuberculosis and other mycobacterium species.

For preparing pharmaceutical compositions from the compounds described by this invention, inert, pharmaceutically acceptable carriers can be either solid or liquid. Solid form preparations include powders, tablets, dispersible granules, capsules, cachets, suppositories and ointments. A solid carrier can be one or more substances which may also act as diluents, flavouring agents, solubilizers, lubricants, suspending agents, binders, or tablets disintegrating agents; it can also be as finely divided solid which is in admixture with the finely divided active compound. For the preparation of tablets, the active compound is mixed with carrier having the necessary binding properties in suitable proportions and compacted in the shape and size desired. The powders and tablets preferably contain from about 5 to about 70 percent of the active ingredient. Suitable solid carriers are lactose, pectin, dextrin, starch, gelatin, tragacanth, low melting wax, cocoa butter and the like. The term "preparation" is intended to include the formulation of the active compound with encapsulating material as carrier providing a capsule in

which the active component (with or without other carriers) is surrounded by carrier, which is thus in association with it. Similarly, capsules can be used as solid dosage forms suitable for oral administration.

Liquid form preparations include solutions suspensions and emulsions. As an example may be mentioned water or water-propylene glycol solutions for parenteral injection. Such solutions are prepared so as to be acceptable to biological systems (isotonicity, pH, etc.). Liquid preparations can also be formulated in solution in aqueous polyethylene glycol solution. Aqueous solutions suitable for oral use can be prepared by dissolving the active component in water and adding suitable colorants, flavours, stabilizing, and thickening agents as desired. Aqueous suspension suitable for oral use can be made by dispersing the finely divided active component in water with viscous material, i.e., natural or synthetic gums, resins, methyl cellulose, sodium carboxymethyl cellulose and other well-known suspending agents.

Ointment preparations contain heavy metal salts of a compound of Formula I with a physiologically acceptable carrier. The carrier is desirably a conventional water-dispersible hydrophilic or oil-in-water carrier, particularly a conventional semi-soft or cream-like water-dispersible or water soluble, oil-in-water emulsion infected surface with a minimum of discomfort. Suitable compositions may be prepared by merely incorporating or homogeneously admixing finely divided compounds with the hydrophilic carrier or base or ointment.

The pharmaceutical preparation can be in unit dosage form. In such forms, the preparation is subdivided into unit doses containing appropriate quantities of the active component. The unit dosage form can be a packaged preparation, the package containing discrete capsules, powders in vials or ampoules and ointments capsule, cachet, tablet, gel, or cream itself or it can be the appropriate number of any of these packaged forms.

The quantity of active compound in a unit dose of preparation may be varied or adjusted from less than 1 mg to several grams according to the particular application and the potency of the active ingredient.

In therapeutic use as agents for treating bacterial infections the compounds utilized in the pharmaceutical method of this invention are administered at the initial dosage of about 3 mg to about 40 mg per kilogram daily. The dosages, however, may be

varied depending upon the requirements of the patient and the compound being employed. Determination of the proper dosage for a particular situation is within the smaller dosages which are less than the optimum dose. Small increments until the optimum effect under the daily dosage may be divided and administered in portions during the day if desired.

In one aspect, the invention provides processes for the synthesis of compounds of Formulae I, II, III, IV and V. Pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic acid addition salts of the compounds of the present invention of Formulae I, II, III, IV and V may be formed with inorganic or organic acids, by methods well known in the art.

The present invention also includes within its scope prodrugs of the compounds of Formulae I, II, III, IV and V. In general, such prodrugs will be functional derivatives of these compounds which readily get converted *in vivo* into defined compounds. Conventional procedures for the selection and preparation of suitable prodrugs are known to the artisan of ordinary skill in the art.

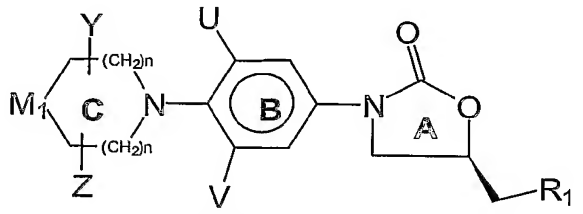
The invention also includes pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, the enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, prodrugs, metabolites in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and optionally included excipients.

Other advantages of the invention will be set forth in the description which follows, and in part will be apparent from the description, or may be learned by the practice of the invention.

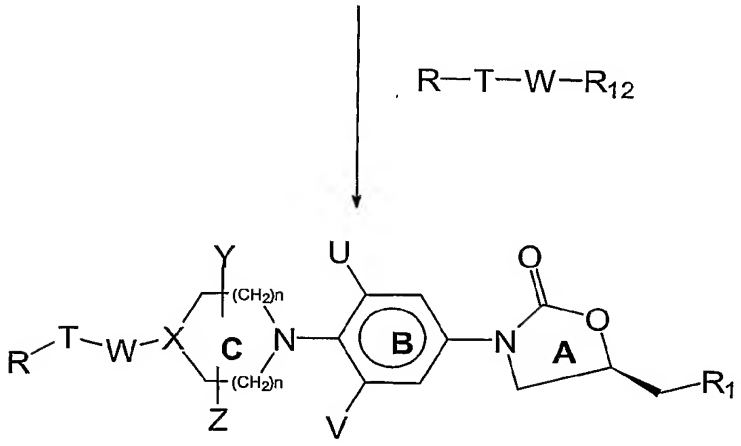
DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The compounds described herein represented by general Formula I may be prepared by the reaction sequence as shown in Scheme I:

SCHEME-I



Formula VI



Formula I

In Scheme I, the amine of structure of Formula VI wherein

M_1 is NH, NHR_{13}, $-CH_2NHR_{13}$, wherein R_{13} is H, ethyl, methyl, isopropyl, acetyl, cyclopropyl, alkoxy;

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaroyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy;

U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

is reacted with a heteroaromatic compound of Formula R-T-W-R_{12} wherein

T is a five to seven membered heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, aryl or substituted aryl, bound to the ring **C** with a linker W, for example preferred forms of **T** are selected from aryl and five membered heteroaryl which are further substituted by a group represented by **R**, wherein R is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, amines, substituted amines, alkene substituted with aryl, heteroaryl or halogen; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl or C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

W is CH_2, CO, CH_2NH, $-NHCH_2$, $-CH_2NHCH_2$, $-CH_2$-N $(R_{11})CH_2$-, $CH_2(R_{11})$N-, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(CO)$, NH, O, NR_{11}, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$, SO_2 or SO, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl; and

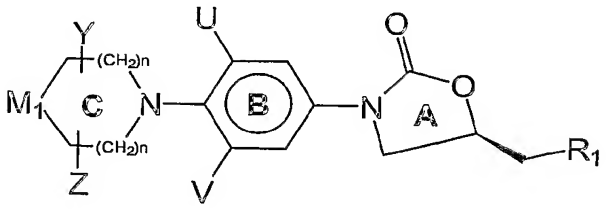
R_{12} is a suitable leaving group well known to one of ordinary skill in the art such as fluoro, chloro, bromo, SCH_3, $-SO_2CH_3$, $-SO_2CF_3$, Tos or OC_6H_5, -COOH or –CHO,etc.

For the preparation of compounds of Formula I (wherein W is equal to CH_2), the corresponding aldehyde can be used through a process of reductive amination and is attached to amine of Formula VI.

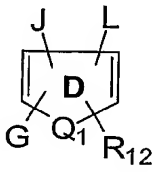
Similarly, for the preparation of compound of Formula I wherein W is equal to C = O, the corresponding acid can be used and the amino compound of Formula VI can be acylated through activated esters in the presence of condensing agents, such as 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) and 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC). Other methods of acylation can also be employed.

The preparation of the compound of Formula II can be accomplished as shown in Scheme II:

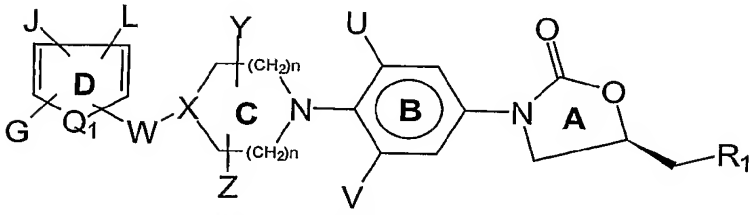
SCHEME-II



Formula VI



Formula VII



Formula II

The reductive alkylation of the amine intermediate of Formula VI, wherein

M_1 is NH, NHR_{13}, $-CH_2NHR_{13}$, wherein R_{13} is H, ethyl, methyl, isopropyl, acetyl, cyclopropyl, alkoxy;

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaroyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and

aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy;

U and V are independently selected from hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I; preferably U and V are hydrogen and fluoro;

Y and Z are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

with the corresponding heterocyclic aldehydes of the Formula VII, wherein

Q_1 is O, S or NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is as defined above;

G, J, L are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is as defined above; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl or heteroaryl; C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

R_{12} is a suitable leaving group well known to one of ordinary skill in the art such as fluoro, chloro, bromo, SCH_3, $-SO_2CH_3$, $-SO_2CF_3$, Tos or OC_6H_5, -COOH or –CHO, for example furaldehyde (Formula VII, wherein Q_1 = O, G, J, L = H; R_{12} is CHO), using known reducing agents well known to one of ordinary skill in the art such as sodium triacetoxyborohydride or sodium cyanoborohydride gave the products of Formula II (wherein W=CH_2) as shown in the Scheme II.

Alternatively, the compounds having carbonyl link can also be made by reacting heteroaromatic compound of the Formula VII, such as N- methyl pyrrole with the amino compound of Formula VI in the presence of triphosgene or phosgene. The carbonyl linkers may also be introduced between heteroaromatic compound, such as 3-bromothiophene and the amine of Formula VI with carbon monoxide in the presence of a catalyst, such as bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II)chloride ($Pd(PPh_3)_2Cl_2$. The extended chain pyrroles having dicarbonyl linkers can also be obtained from treatment with oxalyl chloride and the amine of the Formula VI.

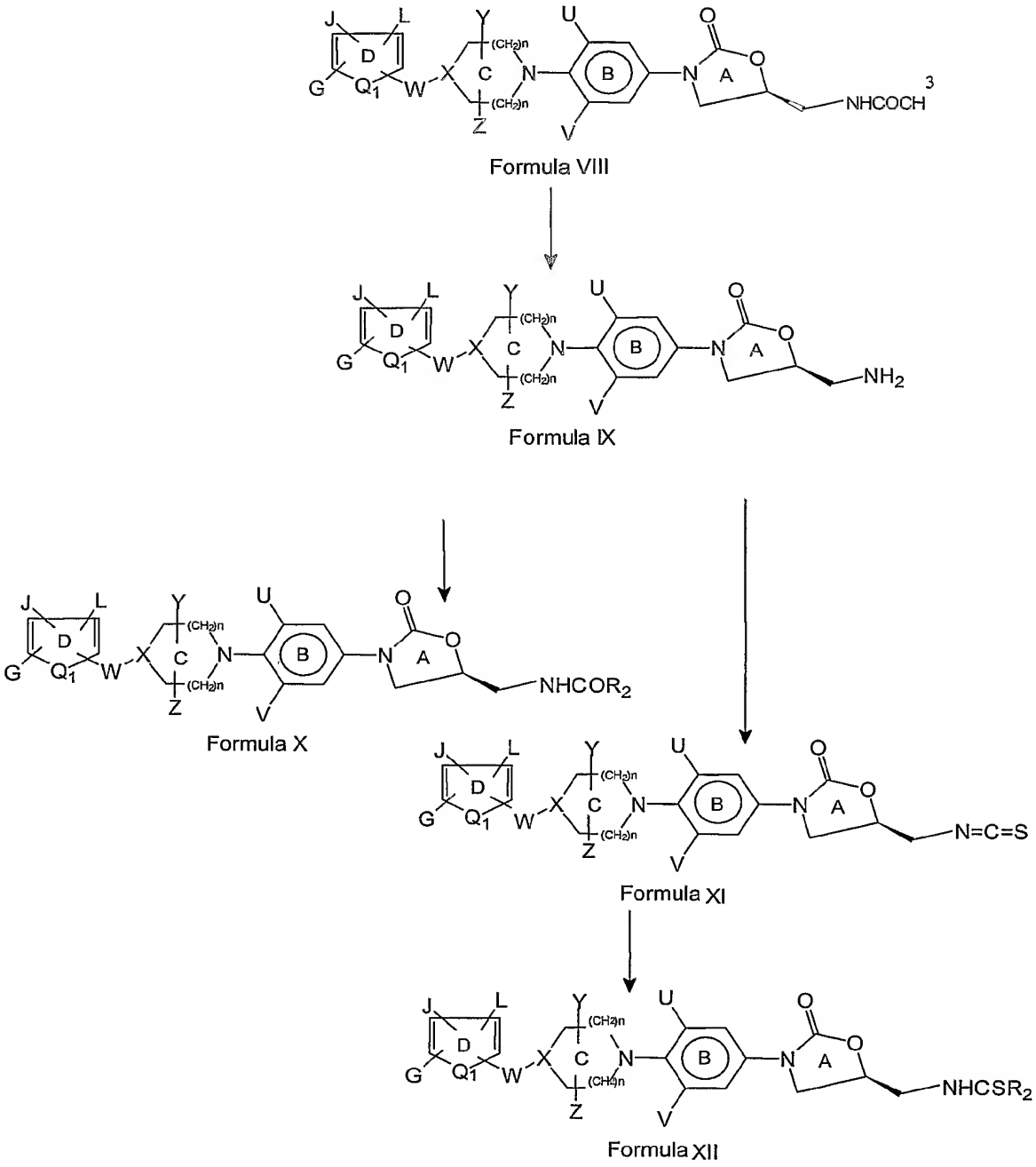
The reduction of the carbonyl linkers using the standard reducing agents results in the formation of methylene linkers.

The heteroaromatic compound of Formula VII is reacted with the amino compound of Formula VI in the presence of ligands, such as tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium ($Pd_2(dba)_3$) and palladium diacetate ($Pd(OAc)_2$).

The reaction of compound of Formula VI with a compound of Formula VII can be carried out in a suitable solvent such as dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, acetonitrile, dimethylsulfoxide and ethylene glycol.

The reaction of compound of Formula VI with a compound of Formula VII is carried out in the presence of a suitable base, such as triethylamine, diisopropylethylamine, potassium carbonate, sodium carbonate and dipotassium hydrogenphosphate.

SCHEME III


Formula VIII
Formula IX
Formula X
Formula XI
Formula XII
NHCOCH3
NH2
NHCOR2
N=C=S
NHCSR2

The compounds of Formula VIII (prepared as described in the patent application WO 02/06278) were used as starting materials for derivatisation as represented by Scheme III, wherein

U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

W is CH_2, C=O, CH_2NH, $NHCH_2$, CH_2NHCH_2, $CH_2N(R_{11})CH_2$, $CH_2N(R_{11})$, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(C=O)$, NH, O, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, SO_2, SO, NR_{11}, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$; wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

$\mathbf{Q_1}$ is O, S or NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is as defined above;

G, J, L are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is as defined above; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl or heteroaryl; C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

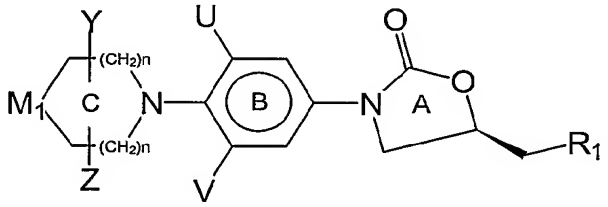
The acetamide of Formula VIII is hydrolyzed with 1N hydrochloric acid to give the corresponding amine of Formula IX which is reacted with aryl carboxylic acids, such as Ar-COOH where Ar is (un) substituted cinnamic acids and heteroaryl carboxylic acids of Formula VII where R_{12} = COOH, is converted into the amide of Formula X. The acylation is carried out in the presence of condensing agents, such as 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) and 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC), along with 1-hydroxy benzotriazole (HOBT). Other methods of acylation can also be employed.

The acylation of the intermediate amine of Formula IX with heterocyclic acid of Formula VII, such as 2-furoic acid (Q_1 = O; G, J, L=H; R_{12} = COOH) or aryl carboxylic acid, Ar-COOH where Ar=(un) substituted cinnamic acids gives products of Formula X.

Alternatively, the amine of Formula IX can be converted to the corresponding isothiocyanates of Formula XI with carbondisulfide and ethylchloroformate in the presence of a base and in a suitable solvent. The isocyanates can be further converted to thioureas of Formula XII on reaction with (un) substituted amine in the presence of a base.

The isocyanates of Formula XI is reacted with a (un)substituted amine to get compounds of Formula II. The reaction can be carried out in a suitable solvent, such as dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, dichloromethane or tetrahydrofuran at a suitable temperature in the range of about -70°C to about 180°C to afford compounds of Formula II. The presence of a suitable base, such as triethylamine, diisopropyl amine, potassium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate is useful in some cases to improve the yield of the reaction.

Mainly one amine of Formula VI



Formula VI

identified as a core, namely

5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-Fluoro-4-(piperazin-1-yl)phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one (Core I)

was used for analoguing purposes, wherein M_1, U, V, Y, Z, R_1 and n are as defined earlier.

The key intermediate amines of Formula VI for the analogue preparation were prepared from commercially available reagents. Some amines of Formula VI are already

known in the literature and are given by reference and if they have been made for the first time or by a different procedure or variation of known procedure they are described in detail in the experimental section.

The optically pure amines of Formula VI could be obtained either by one of a number of asymmetric syntheses or alternatively by resolution from a racemic mixture by selective crystallization of a salt prepared, with an appropriate optically active acid such as dibenzoyl tartrate or 10-camphorsulfonic acid, followed by treatment with base to afford the optically pure amine.

The transformations effected are described in the experimental section. In the above synthetic methods where specific acids, bases, solvents, catalysts, oxidising agents, reducing agents etc. are mentioned, it is to be understood that the other acids, bases, solvents, catalysts, oxidising agents, reducing agents etc. may be used. Similarly, the reaction temperature and duration of the reaction may be adjusted according to the desired need.

An illustrative list of particular compounds according to the invention and capable of being produced by the above mentioned schemes includes:

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 1)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(4-fluorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 2)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-2-benzo(b)furanamide (Compound No. 3)

(S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine (Compound No. 4)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(phenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 5)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)acrylamide (Compound No. 6)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(4-fluorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 7)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 8)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No.9)

(S)-N-[1-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]]-thiourea (Compound No. 10)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}]piperazinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]isothiocyanate (Compound No. 11)

(S)-N-[1-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]]-thiourea (Compound No. 12)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]isothiocyanate (Compound No. 13)

5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-fluoro-4-[4-[(4-bromo-5-nitro-2-thienyl)methyl]piperazinyl-1-yl]phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one (Compound No. 14)

5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-fluoro-4-[4-[(5-nitro-2-furyl)methyl]piperazinyl-1-yl]phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one (Compound No. 15)

5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-fluoro-4-[4-[(5-nitro-2-thienyl)methyl]piperazinyl-1-yl]phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one (Compound No. 16)

(S)-N-[1-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]]3,3-dimethyl-thiourea (Compound No. 17)

(S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine (Compound No. 18)

Most of the compounds were characterized using NMR, IR and were purified by chromatography. Crude products were subjected to column chromatographic purification using silica gel (100-200 or 60-120 mesh) as stationary phase.

The examples mentioned below demonstrate the general synthetic procedure as well as the specific preparation for the preparation for the preferred compound. The examples are given to illustrate the details of the invention and should not be constrained to limit the scope of the present invention.

EXAMPLE 1

Analogues of 5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-Fluoro-4-(piperazin-1-yl)phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one (Core I)

The heteroaromatic group with the corresponding appendage can be introduced on the nitrogen atom of ring C of compounds of Formula I by one of the methods described below:

Method A:

General Procedure:

The reductive alkylation of the amine intermediate of Formula VI with the corresponding heterocyclic aldehydes of the Formula VII, using known reducing agents well known to one of ordinary skill in the art, such as sodium triacetoxyborohydride or sodium cyanoborohydride gives the products of Formula II wherein W=CH_2.

The following compounds were prepared using this method:

5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-fluoro-4-[4-[(4-bromo-5-nitro-2-thienyl)methyl] piperazinyl-1-yl]phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one (Compound No.14)

To a solution of 5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-Fluoro-4-(piperazin-1-yl)phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one hydrochloride (0.67 mmol, prepared by procedures similar to Poster No 1825 and 1827, 40th Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy, Sept 17-20, 2000, Toronto, Canada) in THF, 4-bromo-5-nitro-thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde (0.22 g, 1mmol) and molecular sieves (0.4 g, 4A°) were added. It was stirred for 45 min. and then sodium triacetoxyborohydride (0.21 g, 1mmol) was added. The reaction mixture was further stirred for 17hrs. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate evaporated in vacuo. The residue obtained was taken in dichloromethane and washed with water. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulphate and

evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 1% MeOH/CH_2Cl_2 to yield 0.097 g of the product.

^{1}HNMR ($CDCl_3$) δppm: 8.16 (d, 1H), 7.49 (dd, 1H), 7.11 (d, 1H), 6.97 (t, 1H), 6.01 (d, 1H), 5.01 (m, 1H), 4.55 (m, 2H), 4.14 (t, 1H), 3.92 (m, 1H), 3.75 (s, 2H), 3.12 (m, 4H), 2.76 (m, 4H)

Mass: M=582, M+2= 582, M+Na=604

5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-fluoro-4-[4-[(5-nitro-2-furyl)methyl]piperazinyl-1-yl]phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one (Compound No.15)

The title compound was prepared from 5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-Fluoro-4-(piperazin-1-yl)phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one hydrochloride and 5-nitro-2-furaldehyde using Method A and procedure similar to the preparation of compound no. 14.

m.pt: 133-135°C

^{1}HNMR ($CDCl_3$) δppm: 8.18 (s, 1H), 7.65-6.8 (m, 5H), 6.53 (d, 1H0, 6.02 (s, 1H0, 5.02 (brs, 5H), 4.54 (m, sH), 4.2-3.9 (m, 2H0, 3.73 (m, 2H), 3.2-2.6 (m, 8H),

Mass: M=487, M+2=489, M+Na=510

5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-fluoro-4-[4-[(5-nitro-2-thienyl)methyl]piperazinyl-1-yl]phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one (Compound No.16)

The title compound was prepared from 5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-Fluoro-4-(piperazin-1-yl)phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one hydrochloride and 5-nitro-thiophene-2-carboxaldehyde using Method A and procedure similar to the preparation of compound no. 14.

m.pt: 165-167°C

^{1}HNMR ($CDCl_3$) δppm: 8.16 (d, 1H), 7.81 (d, 1H), 7.46 (dd, 1H), 7.11 (d, 1H), 6.96 (t, 1H), 6.89 (d, 1H), 6.01 (d, 1H), 5.02 (m, 1H0, 4.54 (m, 2H), 4.17 (t, 1H), 3.93 (m, 1H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.12 (m, 4H), 2.74 (m, 4H)

Mass: M+1=504, M+Na=526

EXAMPLE 2

Analogues of (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}]piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine (Core II)

Preparation of (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine (Compound No.4)

To (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide hydrochloride (3.2 g, prepared as described in WO 02/06278) in 1N hydrochloric acid (32 mL) was heated to reflux for 4 hrs. The reaction mixture was cooled and extracted with dichloromethane. The aqueous layer was made alkaline with 1N ammonium hydroxide and extracted with dichloromethane. The organic layer was dried over anhyd.sodium sulphate and evaporated in vacuo. The crude product was crystallized with ethyl acetate/hexane to yield 1.8 g of the title compound.

Method B:

General Procedure:

For the preparation of compounds of Formula I wherein W is equal to C = O, the corresponding acid of Formula VII can be used and the amine of Formula VI can be acylated through activated esters in the presence of condensing agents, such as 1,3-dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC) and 1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC), along with 1-hydroxybenzotriazole. Other methods of acylation can also be employed.

The following compounds were prepared using this method:

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No.1)

To (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine (0.3 g, 0.71 mmol) in DMF (10 mL), N-methylmorpholine (0.088 g, 0.85 mmol), 1-hydroxybenzotriazole (0.11g, 0.79 mmol) and 2,4-dichlorocinnamic acid (0.19 g, 0.85 mmol) were added at 0° C. The reaction mixture was

stirred at 0 °C for 30 min. and then EDC (0.16 g, 0.85 mmol) was added. The reaction mixure was further stirred for 17 hrs. It was poured into water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over anhyd sodium sulphate and concentrated in vacuo. The residue obtained was purified by column chromatography.

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$) δPPM: 7.93 (d,1H), 7.42(m,3H), 7.28(m,), 7.06(dd,1H), 6.90(t,1H), 6.51(m,2H), 6.43(d,1H), 4.82(m,1H), 4.04(t, 1H), 3.83(m,3H), 3.71(s,2H), 3.07(m,4H), 2.71(m,4H).

Mass: M+1 = 618, M+Na = 640.

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(4-fluorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No.2)

The title compound was prepared from (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine and 4-fluorocinnamic acid using Method B and procedure similar to the preparation of compound no. 1

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$) δPPM: 7.60 (dd,1H), 7.49-7.45(m,2H), 7.41-7.40(m,2H), 7.08-7.03(m,2H), 6.92(t,1H), 6.51(d, 1H), 6.37(d,1H), 6.32(d,1H), 6.25(br s,1H), 4.84-4.79(m,1H), 4.04(t, 1H),3.83-3.70(m,5H), 3.07-3.06(m,4H), 2.7(m,4H).

Mass: M+1 = 568

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-2-benzo(b)furanamide (Compound No. 3)

The title compound was prepared from (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine and benzo(b)furan-2-carboxylic acid using Method B and procedure similar to the preparation of compound no. 1

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$) δPPM: 7.68(d,1H), 7.51-7.39(m,3H), 7.33-7.29(m,2H), 7.08(d,2H), 6.90(t,1H), 6.50(d,1H), 4.9(m,1H), 4.05(t,1H), 3.97-3.93(m,1H), 3.85-3.80(m,2H), 3.49-3.47(m,2H), 3.08-3.06(m,4H), 2.72-2.71(m,4H).

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(phenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 5)

The title compound was prepared from (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine and cinnamic acid using Method B and procedure similar to the preparation of compound no. 1

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$) δPPM: 7.63(dd,1H), 7.48-7.44(m,2H), 7.37(s,5H), 7.29(m,1H), 7.05(d,1H), 6.89(t,1H), 6.50-6.49(d,1H), 6.26(m,1H), 4.71(m,1H), 4.04(t,1H), 3.82-3.77(m,3H), 3.70(m,2H), 3.08-3.05(m,4H), 2.72-2.69(m,4H).

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)acrylamide (Compound No. 6)

The title compound was prepared from (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine and 3-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)acrylic acid using Method B and procedure similar to the preparation of compound no. 1

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$)δPPM: 7.81-7.80 (m,1H), 7.58-7.53 (dd,1H), 7.50 (d,1H), 7.07-7.05 (m,2H), 6.99-6.97(m,2H), 6.9-6.89(m,1H), 6.82-6.79(m,1H), 6.23-6.19(m,1H), 6.01 (m,2H), 4.84 (m,1H),4.05 (t,1H), 3.84-3.77 (m,5H), 3.11-3.08(m,4H), 2.7 (m,4H).

EXAMPLE 3

Analogues of (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine (Core III)

(S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine (Compound No. 18)

The title compound was prepared from (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]acetamide (prepared as described in patent application WO 02/06278) and 1N HCl using the procedure similar to the preparation of compound no. 4.

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(4-fluorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 7)

The title compound was prepared from (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}]piperazinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine and 4-fluorocinnamic acid using Method B and procedure similar to the preparation of compound no. 1

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$)δPPM: 7.79 (d,1H), 7.62-7.57(dd, 1H), 7.49-7.41(m,5H),7.08-7.03(m,3H), 6.91-688(m,2H), 6.37-6.32 (dd,1H), 6.24 (m,1H), 4.83(m,1H), 4.05 (t,1H), 3.86-3.76 (m,H), 3.08-3.07 (m,4H), 2.72 (m,4H).

Mass: M+1 = 584

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 8)

The title compound was prepared from (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}]piperazinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine and 4-nitrocinnamic acid using Method B and procedure similar to the preparation of compound no. 1.

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$)δPPM: 8.21 (d,1H), 7.80(d,1H), 7.69-7.60(m,3H), 7.48-7.43(dd,1H), 7.05(d,1H), 6.94-6.91 (m,2H), 6.62-6.57 (m,2H), 4.87 (m,1H), 4.07 (t, 1H), 3.84-3.78 (m,5H), 3.09 (m,4H), 2.74 (m,4H).

Mass: M+1 = 611

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 9)

The title compound was prepared from (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}]piperazinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine and 2,4-dichlorocinnamic acid using Method B and procedure similar to the preparation of compound no. 1.

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$)δPPM: 7.96-7.91 (dd,1H), 7.51-7.42 (m,3H), 7.26-7.21 (m,2H), 7.07-7.04 (m,1H), 6.93-6.88 (m,2H),6.58-6.56 (m,1H), 6.47-6.42 (dd,1H), 4.85 (m,1H), 4.05 (t,1H), 3.82-3.76 (m,5H), 3.08 (m,4H), 2.72 (m,4H).

Mass: M+1 = 634.

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]isothiocyanate (Compound No. 13)

To (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine (1 g, 2.38 mmol) in THF, carbon disulfide (0.36 g, 4.77 mmol) and triethylamine (0.24 g, 2.38 mmol) were added at 0°C. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 5 hrs. The reaction mixture was again cooled to 0°C, ethylchloroformate (0.26 g, 2.38 mmol) was added and stirred for 2 hrs. The reaction mixture was then poured into water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was dried over anhyd.sodium sulphate and evaporated in vacuo. The residue was purified by column chromatography, eluting with 1% MeOH/$CHCl_3$ to yield 0.6 g of the product.

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$)δPPM: 7.40 (dd,1H), 7.29(t,1H), 7.12(d,1H), 6.94(t,1H), 6.51(d,1H), 4.82-4.79(m,1H), 4.14(t,1H), 3.99-3.97(m,1H), 3.87-3.81(m,2H), 3.71(m,2H), 3.12-3.09(m,4H), 2.74-2.71(m,4H).

Method C:

The isothiocyanates of Formula XI is reacted with (un)substituted amine to get the compounds of Formula II. The reaction is carried in a suitable solvent, such as dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, dichloromethane or tetrahydrofuran at a suitable temperature in the range of about -70°C to about 180°C to afford compounds of Formula II. The presence of a suitable base such as triethylamine, diisopropyl amine, potassium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate is useful in some cases to improve the yield of the reaction.

(S)-N-[1-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]]3,3-dimethyl-thiourea (Compound No. 17)

To (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]isothiocyanate (0.15 g, 0.325 mmol) in methanol (10 mL), triethylamine (0.131 g, 1.3 mmol) and dimethylamine hydrochloride (0.1 g, 1.3 mmol) were added. The reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hrs at RT, filtered and washed with methanol. The filtrate was concntrated to get 0.085 g of the final product.

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$)δPPM: 7.44(dd,1H), 7.29(d,1H), 7.05(d,1H),6.92(t,1H), 6.51(d,1H), 5.91(t,1H), 4.92(m,1H), 4.31(m,1H), 4.07(m,2H),3.87(m,1H),3.71(s,2H),3.28(s,6H), 3.09(m,4H), 2.72(m,4H).

Mass: M+1 = 507, M+Na = 529.

(S)-N-[1-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]]-thiourea (Compound No. 10)

The title compound was prepared from (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]isothiocyanate and methanolic ammonia using Method C and procedure similar to the preparation of compound no. 17.

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$)δPPM: 7.93(m,1H), 7.66-7.65(m,1H), 7.48(dd,1H), 7.17-7.03(m,2H), 6.77 (d,1H), 4.82(m,1H), 4.08 (t,1H), 3.92-3.88 (m,4H), 3.79 (m,2H) 2.99(m,4H), 2.61(m,4H).

Mass: M+1 = 479

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}]piperazinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]isothiocyanate (Compound No. 11)

The title compound was prepared from (S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine using the and procedure similar to the preparation of compound no 13.

^{1}H NMR($CDCl_3$)δPPM: 7.8 (d,1H), 7.45-.7.41 (dd,1H), 7.10 (d,1H), 6.98 (d,1H), 6.95-6.88 (m,2H), 4.81-4.79 (m,1H), 4.14 (t,1H), 3.96 –3.76 (m,5H), 3.11 (m,4H), 2.73 (m,4H).

Mass: M+1 = 478

(S)-N-[1-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]]-thiourea (Compound No. 12)

The title compound was prepared from (S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]isothiocyanate and

methanolic ammonia using Method C and and procedure similar to the preparation of as compound no. 17.

^{1}H NMR(DMSO)δPPM: 8.03 (d,1H), 7.91 (t,1H), 7.51-7.46 (dd,1H), 7.18-7.05 (m, 4H), 4.82 m,1H), 4.11 (t,1H0, 3.84-3.80(m, 5H0, 3.16 (m,4H), 2.66 (m,4H).

Mass: M+1 = 495

EXAMPLE 4

Pharmacological Testing

The compounds of the invention display antibacterial activity when tested by the agar incorporation method. The following minimum inhibitory concentrations (μg/ml) were obtained for representative compounds of the invention which are given below in the following table.

GUIDE TO TABLE ABBREVIATIONS:

1) *S.aureus* ATCC 25923 --*Staphylococus aureus* ATCC 25923

2) MRSA 15187 --Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*

3) *Ent. faecalis* ATCC 29212 --*Enterococcus faecalis* ATCC 29212

4) *Ent. faecium* 6A -- *Enterococcus faecium 6A Van®,Cipro®*

5) *Strep. pne.* ATCC 6303 --*Streptococcus pneumoniae* ATCC 6303

6) *Strep.pyog.* ATCC 19615 --*Streptococcus pyogenes*

7) S. epidermidis - *Staphylococcus epidermidis* ATCC 12228

Table

In vitro (μg/ml)

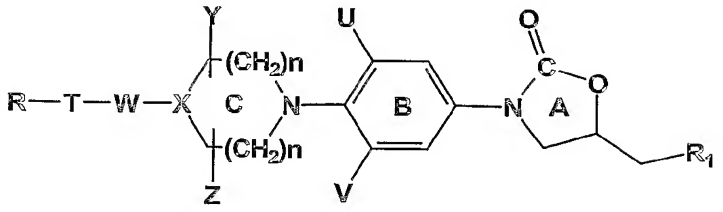
Compd. No.	S.aureus 259231	MRSA 15187	MRSA 562	MRSA 33	E.faecalis 29212	VRE 6A	S.pyogenes 19615	S.pneum 6303	S.pneum AB34
10	1	1	1	1	0.5	1	0.25	<0.06	0.24
12	1	0.5	0.5	1	1	0.5	<0.25	0.5	0.5

The in vitro antibacterial activity of the compounds was demonstrated by the agar incorporation method (NCCLS M 7 and M 100-S8 documents). Briefly, the compounds were dissolved in dimethylsulfoxide and doubling dilution of the compounds were incorporated into Meer Hilton agar before solidification. Inoculum was prepared by suspending 4 to 5 colonies into 5 ml of normal saline solution and adjusting the turbility to 0.5 Macfarland turbidity standard tables (1.5 x 10^8 CFU/ml), after appropriate dilutions, 10^4 CFU/spot was transfered into the surface of dried plate and incubated for 18 hours (24 hours for MRSN studies). The concentration showing no growth of the inoculated culture was recorded as the MIC. Appropriate ATCC standard strains were simultaneously tested and result recorded only when the MIC's against standard antibiotics were within the acceptable range.

While the present invention has been described in terms of its specific embodiments, certain modifications and equivalents will be apparent to those skilled in the art and are intended to be included within the scope of the present invention.

We Claim:

1. Compounds having the structure of Formula 1:



Formula I

and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

T is a five to seven membered heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, aryl or substituted aryl, bound to the ring **C** with a linker W, and further substituted by a group represented by **R**, wherein R is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, -$C(R_9)$=$C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, amines, substituted amines, alkene substituted with aryl, heteroaryl or halogen; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl or C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy;

R_8 and R_9 are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, or $N(R_6,R_7)$;

R_{10}= H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

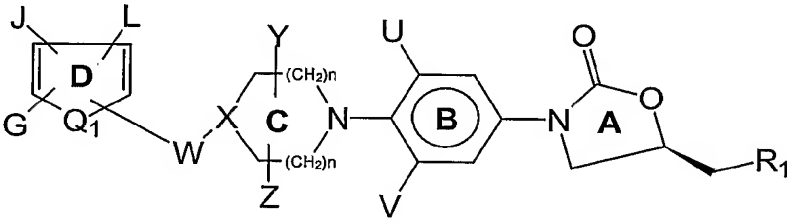
$\mathbb{Y}$ and $\mathbb{Z}$ are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging groups;

$\mathbb{U}$ and $\mathbb{V}$ are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

$\mathbb{W}$ is CH_2, CO, CH_2NH, $-NHCH_2$, $-CH_2NHCH_2$, $-CH_2$-N $(R_{11})CH_2$-, $CH_2(R_{11})N$-, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(CO)$, NH, O, NR_{11}, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$, SO_2 or SO, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl; and

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaroyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy.

2. Compounds having the structure of Formula II:



Formula II

and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaroyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain

one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy;

$\mathbb{U}$ and $\mathbb{V}$ are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

$\mathbb{Y}$ and $\mathbb{Z}$ are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

$\mathbb{X}$ is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

W is CH_2, C=O, CH_2NH, $NHCH_2$, CH_2NHCH_2, $CH_2N(R_{11})CH_2$, $CH_2N(R_{11})$, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(C=O)$, NH, O, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, SO_2, SO, NR_{11}, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$; wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

$\mathbf{Q_1}$ is O, S or NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is as defined above;

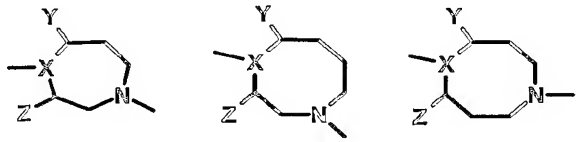
G, J, L are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is as defined above; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl or heteroaryl; C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy;

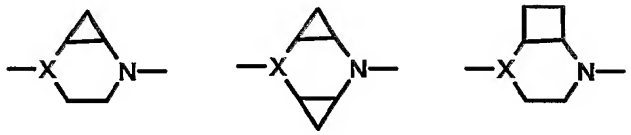
R_8 and R_9 are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, $N(R_6,R_7)$; and

R_{10}= H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl.

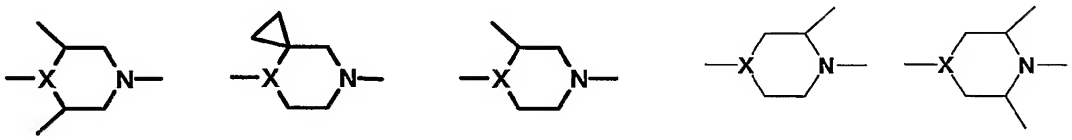
3. The compound according to claim 2 wherein in Formula II, ring C is 6-8 membered in size and the ring may have either two or three carbon atoms between each nitrogen atom comprising of:



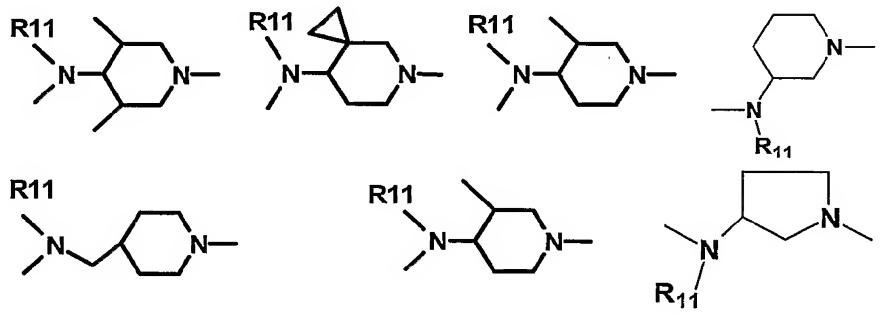
and the ring C may be bridged to form a bicyclic system as shown below:



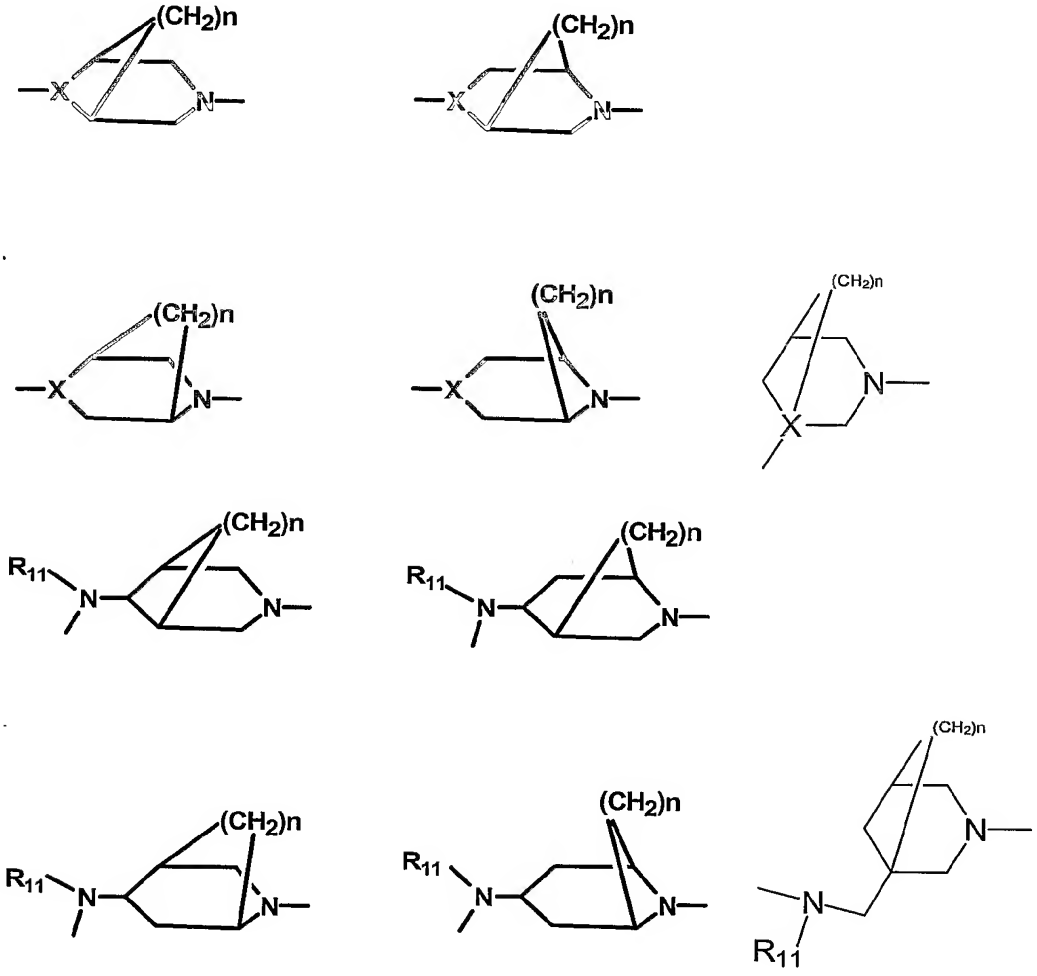
4. The compound according to claim 2 wherein in Formula II, ring C is substituted at positions Y and Z with alkyl groups, cycloalkyl groups, fluoro group, carboxylic and corresponding esters, amides, substituted alkyls or bridging alkyl groups as shown below:



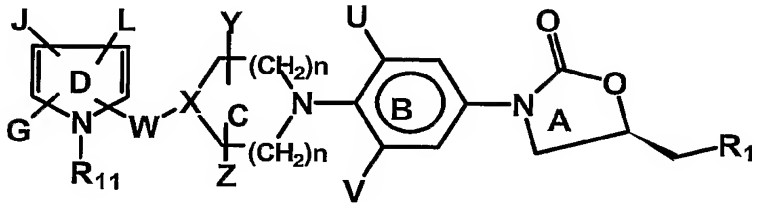
5. The compound according to claim 2 wherein in Formula II, ring C is 6 membered in size and X is -CH-(NHR_{11}), or >CCH_2NHR_{11}-, the ring C is selected from the group consisting of the following rings wherein R_{11} is the same as defined earlier,



or in addition to the above, the ring C includes the following structures:



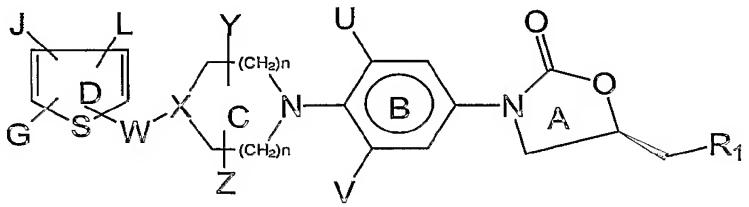
6. The compound according to claim 2 having the structure of Formula III:



Formula III

wherein U, V, Y, Z, X, W, G, J, L, R_1, R_{11} and n are as defined earlier.

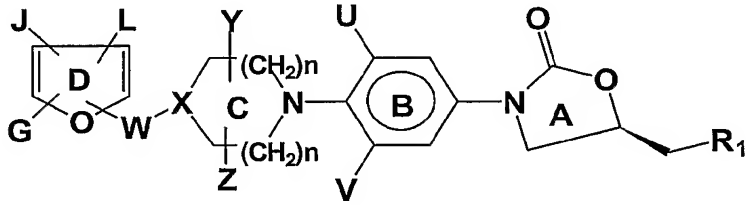
7. The compound according to claim 2 having the structure of Formula IV:



Formula IV

wherein U, V, Y, Z, X, W, G, J, L, R_1 and n are as defined earlier.

8. The compound according to claim 2 having the structure of Formula V:



Formula V

wherein U, V, X, Y, Z, W, G, J, L, R_1 and n are as defined earlier.

9. A compound selected from the group consisting of :

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 1)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(4-fluorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 2)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-2-benzo(b)furanamide (Compound No. 3)

(S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine (Compound No. 4)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(phenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 5)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(1,3-benzodioxol-5-yl)acrylamide (Compound No. 6)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(4-fluorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 7)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(4-nitrophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No. 8)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]-3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)acrylamide (Compound No.9)

(S)-N-[1-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]]-thiourea (Compound No. 10)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}]piperazinyl]phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]isothiocyanate (Compound No. 11)

(S)-N-[1-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]]-thiourea (Compound No. 12)

(S)-N-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]isothiocyanate (Compound No. 13)

5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-fluoro-4-[4-[(4-bromo-5-nitro-2-thienyl) methyl]piperazinyl-1-yl]phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one (Compound No. 14)

5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-fluoro-4-[4-[(5-nitro-2-furyl)methyl] piperazinyl-1-yl]phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one (Compound No. 15)

5(S)-Isoxazol-3-yl-oxymethyl-3-[3-fluoro-4-[4-[(5-nitro-2-thienyl) methyl]piperazinyl-1-yl]phenyl]oxazolidin-2-one (Compound No. 16)

(S)-N-[1-[[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-furyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methyl]]3,3-dimethyl-thiourea (Compound No. 17)

(S)-N-[3-[3-Fluoro-4-[N-1-[4-{2-thienyl-(5-nitro)methyl}] piperazinyl] phenyl]-2-oxo-5-oxazolidinyl]methylamine (Compound No. 18)

10. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claims 1, 2 or 9 and a pharmaceutical acceptable carrier.

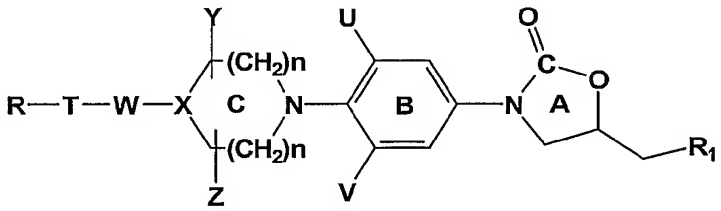
11. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically effective amount of compound according to claims 1, 2 or 9 or a physiologically acceptable acid addition salt thereof with a pharmaceutical acceptable carrier for treating microbial infections.

12. A method of treating or preventing microbial infections in a mammal comprising administering to the said mammal, the pharmaceutical composition according to claim 11.

13. The method according to claim 12 wherein the microbial infections are caused by gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria.

14. The method according to claim 13, wherein the gram-positive bacteria are selected from the group consisting of staphylococcus spp., streptococuus spp., bacillus spp., corynebacterum spp., clostridia spp., peptostreptococus spp., listeria spp. and legionella spp.

15. A method of treating or preventing aerobic and anaerobic bacterial infections in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having the structure of Formula I



Formula I

and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

T is a five to seven membered heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, aryl or substituted aryl, bound to the ring **C** with a linker W, and is further substituted by a group represented by **R**, wherein R is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$,

$NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, amines, substituted amines, alkene substituted with aryl, heteroaryl or halogens; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl or heteroaryl; C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy;

R_8 and R_9 are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, or $N(R_6,R_7)$;

R_{10}= H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging groups;

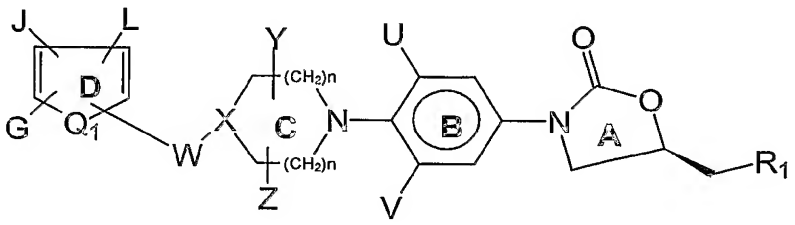
U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

W is CH_2, CO, CH_2NH, $-NHCH_2$, $-CH_2NHCH_2$, $-CH_2$-N $(R_{11})CH_2$-, $CH_2(R_{11})N$-, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(CO)$, NH, O, NR_{11}, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$, SO_2 or SO; wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl; and

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaroyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and

aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy.

16. A method of treating or preventing aerobic and anaerobic bacterial infections in a mammal comprising administering to said mammal, a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having the structure of Formula II:



Formula II

and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaroyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more of heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy;

U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

W is CH_2, C=O, CH_2NH, $NHCH_2$, CH_2NHCH_2, $CH_2N(R_{11})CH_2$, $CH_2N(R_{11})$, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(C=O)$, NH, O, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, SO_2, SO, NR_{11}, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$; wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

Q_1 is O, S or NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is as defined earlier;

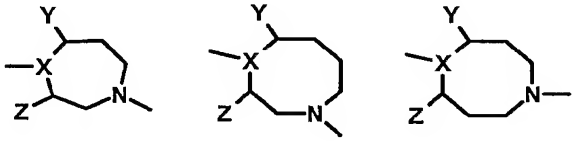
G, J, L are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is as defined above; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl or heteroaryl; C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy;

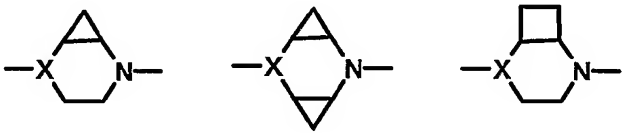
R_8 and R_9 are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, $N(R_6,R_7)$; and

R_{10}= H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl.

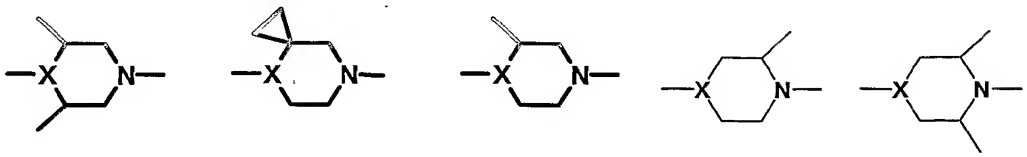
17. The method according to claim 16 wherein in Formula II, ring C is 6-8 membered in size and the ring may have either two or three carbon atoms between each nitrogen atom comprising of:



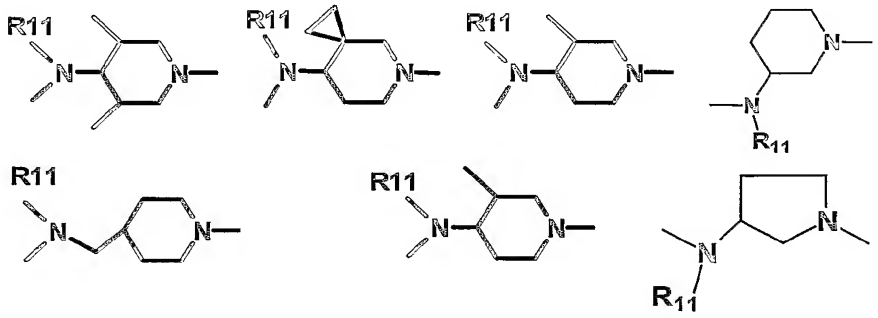
and ring C may be bridged to form a bicyclic system as shown below:



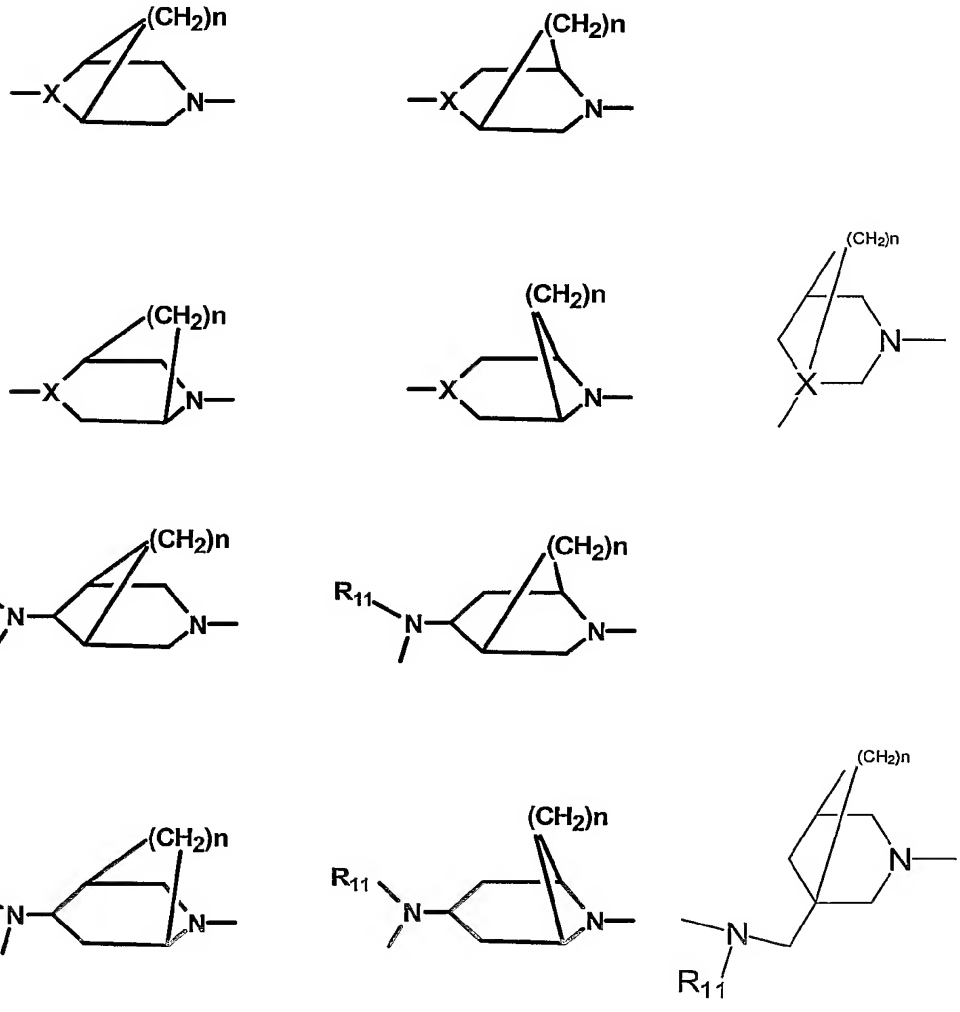
18. The method according to claim 16 wherein in Formula II, ring C is substituted at positions Y and Z with alkyl groups, cycloalkyl groups, fluoro group, carboxylic and corresponding esters, amides, substituted alkyls or bridging alkyl groups as shown below:



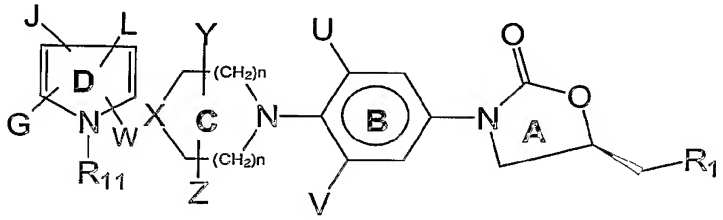
19. The method according to claim 16 wherein in Formula II, ring C is 6 membered in size and X is -CH-(NHR_{11}), or >CCH_2NHR_{11}-, the ring C is selected from the group consisting of the following rings wherein R_{11} is the same as defined earlier,



or in addition to the above, the ring C includes the following structures:



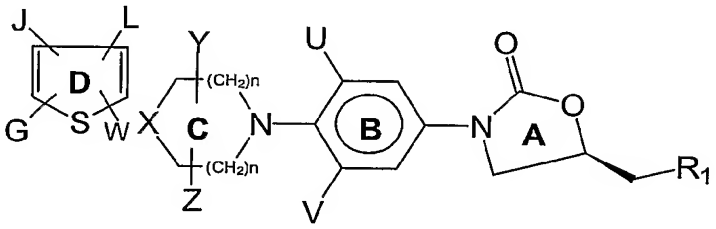
20. The method according to claim 16 having the structure of Formula III,



FORMULA III

wherein U, V, Y, Z, W, X, G, J, L, R_1, R_{11} and n are as defined earlier.

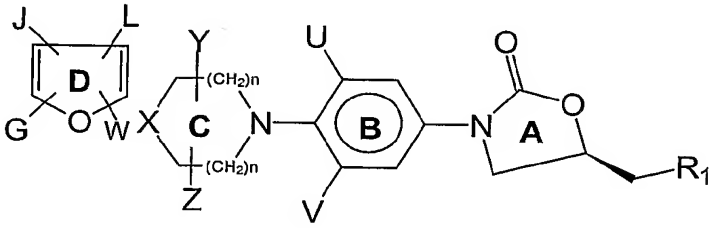
21. The method according to claim 16 having the structure of Formula IV,



FORMULA IV

wherein U, V, Y, Z, W, X, G, J, L, R_1 and n are as defined earlier.

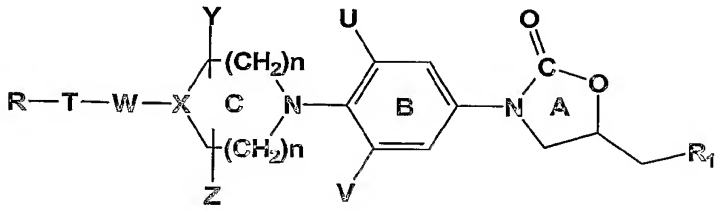
22. The method according to claim 16 having the structure of Formula V,



FORMULA V

wherein U, V, X, Y, Z, W, G, J, L, R_1 and n are as defined earlier.

23. A process for preparing a compound of Formula I,



Formula I

and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmacecltically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

T is a five to seven membered heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, aryl or substituted aryl, bound to the ring **C** with a linker W, and is further substituted by a group represented by **R**, wherein R is H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is hydrogen, alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, amines, substituted amines, alkene substituted with aryl, heteroaryl or halogens; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl or heteroaryl; C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy;

R_8 and R_9 are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, or $N(R_6,R_7)$;

R_{10}= H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

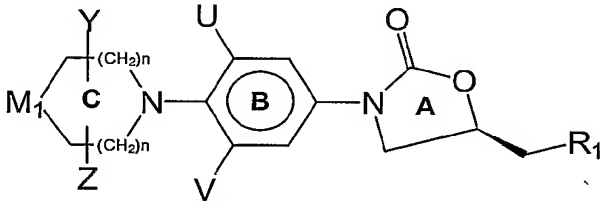
Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging groups;

U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

W is CH_2, CO, CH_2NH, $-NHCH_2$, $-CH_2NHCH_2$, $-CH_2-N(R_{11})CH_2-$, $CH_2(R_{11})N-$, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(CO)$, NH, O, NR_{11}, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$, SO_2 or SO; wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl; and

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaroyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy;

which comprises reacting an amine of Formula VI,

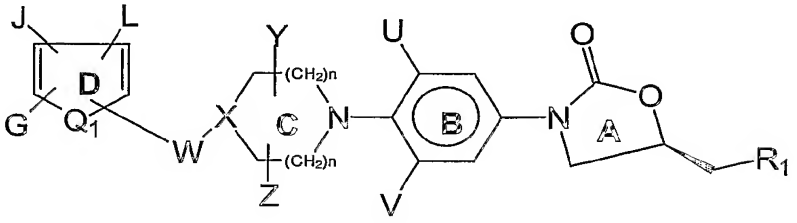


Formula VI

with a heteroaromatic compound of Formula R-T-W-R_{12} wherein R, T, W, R_1, Y, Z, U, V and n are as defined earlier and M_1 is NH, NHR_{13}, $CHNHR_{13}$, $-CHCH_2NHR_{13}$, $-CCH_2NHR_{13}$, wherein R_{13} is H, ethyl, methyl, isopropyl, acetyl, cyclopropyl, alkoxy or acetyl and R_{12} is a suitable leaving group selected from the group consisting of fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, SCH_3, $-SO_2CH_3$, $-SO_2CF_3$, Tos, OC_6H_5, -COOH or –CHO.

24. The process of claim 23, wherein the amine of Formula VI reacts with a heteroaromatic compound of Formula R-T-W-R_{12} in the presence of a base selected from the group consisting of potassium carbonate, N-ethyl diisopropylamine and dipotassium hydrogen phosphate.

25. A process for preparing a compound of Formula II,



Formula II

and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

R_1 is $NHC(=O)R_2$, $NHC(=S)R_2$, $N(R_3, R_4)$, NR_3 or OR_3, wherein R_2, R_3, R_4 are independently hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaroyl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more of heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy;

U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more F, Cl, Br, I;

Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

W is CH_2, C=O, CH_2NH, $NHCH_2$, CH_2NHCH_2, $CH_2N(R_{11})CH_2$, $CH_2N(R_{11})$, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(C=O)$, NH, O, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, SO_2, SO, NR_{11}, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$; wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

Q_1 is O, S or NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is as defined earlier;

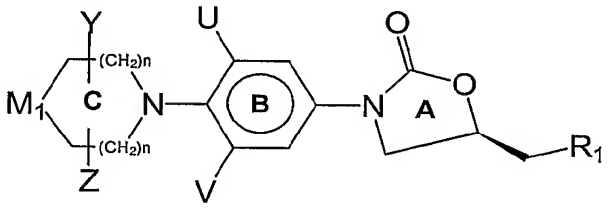
G, J, L are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -C=CH-R_5, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9)=C(R_9)NO_2$, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is as defned above; R_5 is H, C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, aryl or heteroaryl; C_{1-6} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl or C_{1-6} alkoxy;

R_8 and R_9 are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, $N(R_6,R_7)$; and

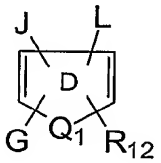
R_{10}= H, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

comprising reacting a compound of Formula VI,



Formula VI

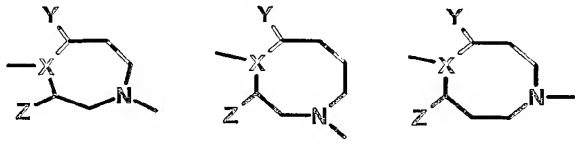
with a heteroaromatic compound of Formula VII,



Formula VII

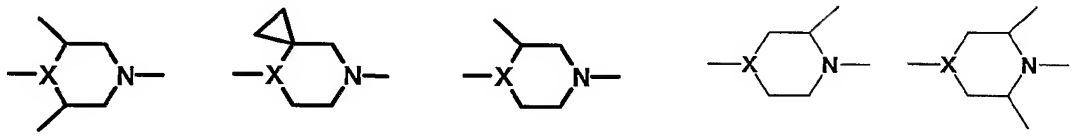
wherein R_1, U, V, Y, Z, G, J, L and Q_1 are as defined earlier and M_1 is NH, NHR_{13}, $CHNHR_{13}$, $-CHCH_2NHR_{13}$, $-CCH_2NHR_{13}$, wherein R_{13} is H, ethyl, methyl, isopropyl, acetyl, cyclopropyl, alkoxy or acetyl and R_{12} is a suitable leaving group selected from the group consisting of fluoro, chloro, bromo, iodo, SCH_3, $-SO_2CH_3$, $-SO_2CF_3$, Tos, OC_6H_5, -COOH or –CHO.

26. The process according to claim 25 wherein in Formula II, ring C is 6-8 membered in size and the ring may have either two or three carbon atoms between each nitrogen atom comprising of:

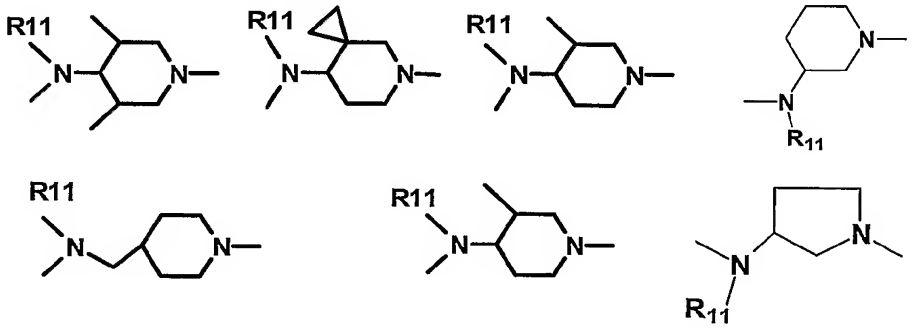


and ring C may be bridged to form a bicyclic system as shown below:

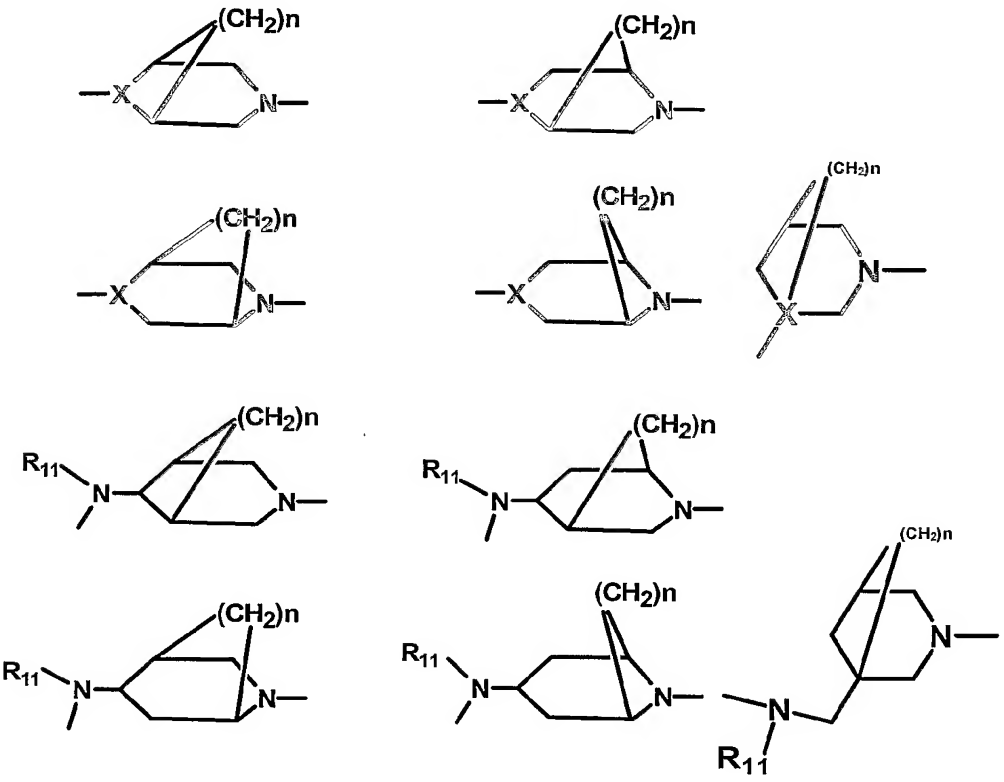
27. The process according to claim 25 wherein in Formula II, ring C is substituted at positions Y and Z with alkyl groups, cycloalkyl groups, fluoro group, carboxylic and corresponding esters, amides, substituted alkyls or bridging alkyl groups as shown below:



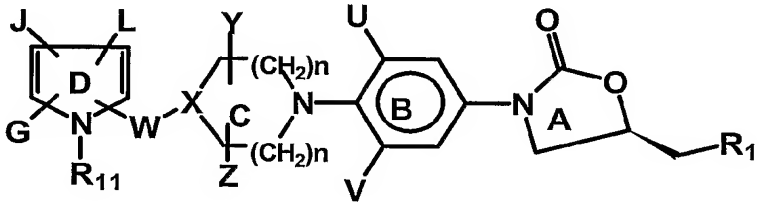
28. The process according to claim 25 wherein in Formula II, ring C is 6 membered in size and X is -CH-(NHR_{11}), or >CCH_2NHR_{11}-, the ring C is selected from the group consisting of the following rings wherein R_{11} is the same as defined earlier,



or in addition to the above, the ring C includes the following structures:



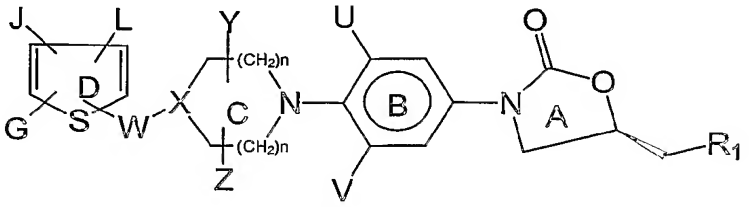
29. The process according to claim 25 having the structure of Formula III,



Formula III

wherein U, V, Y, Z, W, X, G, J, L, R_1, R_{11} and n are as defined above.

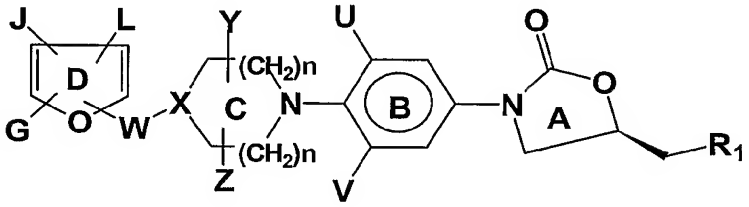
30. The process according to claim 25 having the structure of Formula IV,



Formula IV

wherein U, V, Y, Z, W, X, G, J, L, R_1 and n are as defined earlier.

31. The process according to claim 25 having the structure of Formula V,



Formula V

wherein U, V, X, Y, Z, W, G, J, L, R_1 and n are as defined earlier.

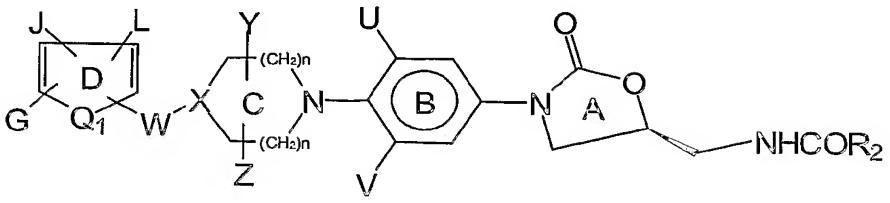
32. The process according to claim 25 wherein the reaction is carried out in the presence of ligands selected from the group consisting of tris(dibenzylideneacetone)dipalladium ($Pd_2(dba)_3$) and palladium diacetate ($Pd(OAc)_2$).

33. The process according to claim 25 wherein the heteroaromatic compound of Formula VII is 3-bromothiophene.

34. The process according to claim 25 wherein the reaction of compound of Formula VI with a compound of Formula VII is carried out in a suitable solvent selected from the group consisting of dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, acetonitrile, dimethylsulfoxide and ethylene glycol.

35. The process according to claim 25 wherein the reaction of compound of Formula VI with a compound of Formula VII is carried out in the presence of a suitable base selected from the group consisting of triethylamine diisopropylethylamine, potassium carbonate, sodium carbonate and dipotassium hydrogenphosphate.

36. A process of preparing a compound of Formula X



Formula X

and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

R_2 is hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaryl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy;

U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

W is CH_2, C=O, CH_2NH, $NHCH_2$, CH_2NHCH_2, $CH_2N(R_{11})CH_2$, $CH_2N(R_{11})$, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(C=O)$, NH, O, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, SO_2, SO, NR_{11}, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$; wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

Q_1 is O, S or NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is as defined earlier;

G, J, L are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -

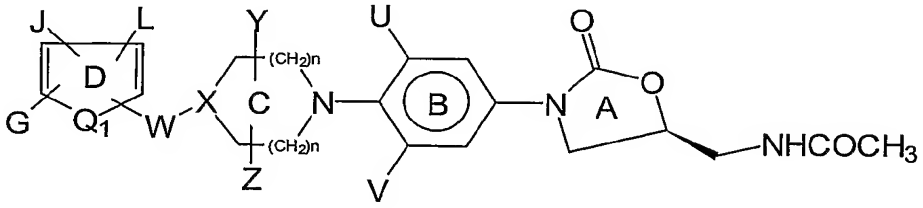
$C{=}CH\text{-}R_5$, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9){=}C(R_9)NO_2$, $C_{1\text{-}12}$ alkyl substituted with one or more F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is as defined above; R_5 is H, $C_{1\text{-}12}$ alkyl, $C_{3\text{-}12}$ cycloalkyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkoxy, aryl or heteroaryl; $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted $C_{1\text{-}12}$ alkyl, $C_{3\text{-}12}$ cycloalkyl or $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkoxy;

R_8 and R_9 are independently H, $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, $C_{1\text{-}12}$ alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, $N(R_6,R_7)$; and

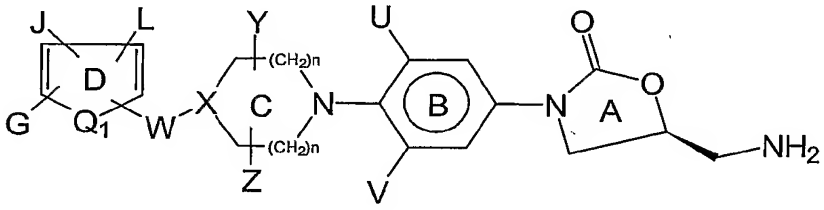
R_{10}= H, optionally substituted $C_{1\text{-}12}$ alkyl, $C_{3\text{-}12}$ cycloalkyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkoxy, $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

comprising hydrolyzing the compound of Formula VIII,



Formula VIII

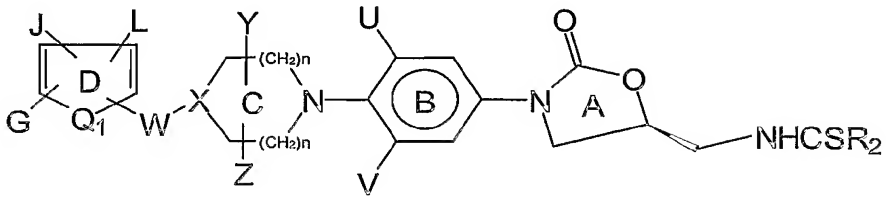
to give the amine of Formula IX,



Formula IX

which on reaction with aryl carboxylic acids gives the amide of Formula X.

37. A process of preparing a compound of Formula XII



Formula XII

and its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, pharmaceutically acceptable solvates, esters, enantiomers, diastereomers, N-oxides, polymorphs, prodrugs or metabolites, wherein

R_2 is hydrogen, thiocarbonyl, amines, substituted amines, aryl heteroaryl, heterocyclic, aralkyl, aralkenyl, wherein the heteroaryl and heterocylic rings may contain one or more heteroatoms selected from O, S and N; the aryl, heteroaryl, aralkyl and aralkenyl rings may be unsubstituted or substituted with one or more of alkyl, halogen, nitro, amino or methylenedioxy;

U and **V** are independently hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, C_{1-12} alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I;

Y and **Z** are independently hydrogen, C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{0-3} bridging group;

X is H, CH, CH-S, CH-O, N, $CHNR_{11}$ or CCH_2NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

W is CH_2, C=O, CH_2NH, $NHCH_2$, CH_2NHCH_2, $CH_2N(R_{11})CH_2$, $CH_2N(R_{11})$, $CH(R_{11})$, S, $CH_2(C=O)$, NH, O, $(CO)CH_2$, $N(R_{11})CON(R_{11})$, SO_2, SO, NR_{11}, $N(R_{11})C(=S)N(R_{11})$; wherein R_{11} is hydrogen, optionally substituted C_{1-12} alkyl, C_{3-12} cycloalkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{1-6} alkyl carbonyl, C_{1-6} alkylcarboxy, aryl or heteroaryl;

n is an integer in the range from 0 to 3;

Q_1 is O, S or NR_{11}, wherein R_{11} is as defined earlier;

G, J, L are independently H, C_{1-6} alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, –CN, COR_5, $COOR_5$, $N(R_6,R_7)$, $NHCOC(R_8, R_9, R_{10})$, $CON(R_6, R_7)$, CH_2NO_2, NO_2, CH_2R_8, CHR_9, -CH = N-OR_{10}, -

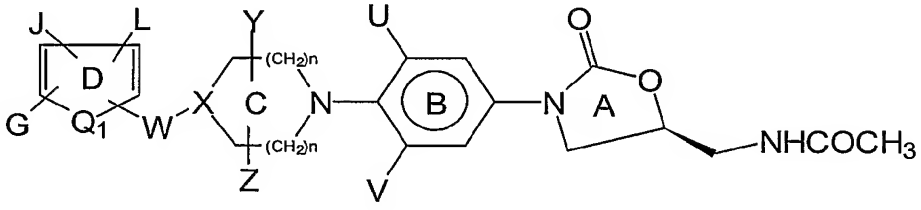
$C{=}CH\text{-}R_5$, OR_5, SR_5, $-C(R_9){=}C(R_9)NO_2$, $C_{1\text{-}12}$ alkyl substituted with one or more F, Cl, Br, I, OR_4, SR_4, wherein R_4 is as defined above; R_5 is H, $C_{1\text{-}12}$ alkyl, $C_{3\text{-}12}$ cycloalkyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkoxy, aryl or heteroaryl; $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I or OH;

R_6 and R_7 are independently H, optionally substituted $C_{1\text{-}12}$ alkyl, $C_{3\text{-}12}$ cycloalkyl or $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkoxy;

R_8 and R_9 are independently H, $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, F, Cl, Br, I, $C_{1\text{-}12}$ alkyl substituted with one or more of F, Cl, Br, I, OR_5, SR_4, $N(R_6,R_7)$; and

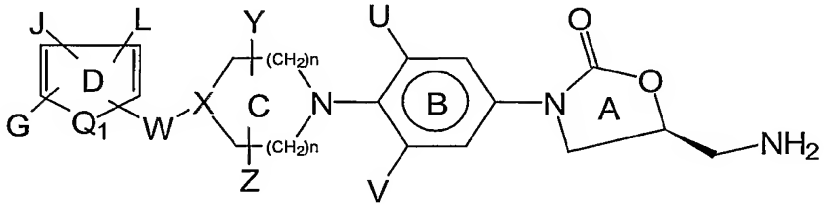
R_{10}= H, optionally substituted $C_{1\text{-}12}$ alkyl, $C_{3\text{-}12}$ cycloalkyl, $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkoxy, $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

comprising hydrolyzing the compound of Formula VIII,



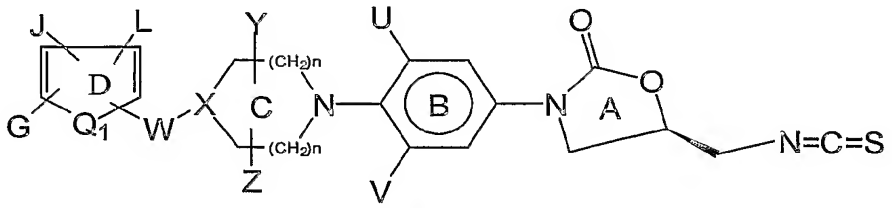
Formula VIII

to give the amine of Formula IX,



Formula IX

which is reacted with carbon disulfide and ethylchloroformate to give the coresponding isothiocyanates of Formula XI,



Formula XI

which is further reacted with (un) substituted amines to give the thiourea of Formula XII.

38. The process according to claim 36, wherein the conversion of amine of Formula IX to the amide of Formula X is carried out in the presence of condensing agents selected from the group consisting of 1,3-dicyclohexyl carbodiimide (DCC) and 1-(3-dimethylamino propyl)-3-ethyl carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC).

39. The process according to claim 37, wherein the reaction of isothiocyanates of Formula XI with (un) substituted amine is carried out in a suitable solvent selected from the group consisting of dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, dichloromethane and tetrahydrofuran.

40. The process according to claim 37, wherein the reaction of isothiocyanates of Formula XI with (un) substituted amines is carried out at a temperature range of about -70°C to about 180°C.

41. The process according to claim 37, wherein the reaction of isothiocyanates of Formula XI with (un) substituted amine is carried out in the presence of a suitable base selected form the group consisting of triethylamine, diisopropylamine, potassium carbonate and sodium carbonate.

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2. [X] Claims Nos.: 1-8 (part), 10-41(part)
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Claims Nos.: 1-8 (part), 10-41(part)

Present claims 1-8, 10-41 relate to an extremely large number of possible compounds. In fact, the claims contain so many options, variables within the wording "pharmaceutically acceptable esters, prodrugs or metabolites" that a lack of clarity and conciseness within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the claims impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the application which do appear to be clear (and/or concise), namely the compounds of formula I and II, their pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates, polymorphs, enantiomers, diastereomers and N-oxides.

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